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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION Remarks

Dear Sir or Madam:

A Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time is attached hereto, which extends the period of response to the Final Office Action to April 23, 2004.

Applicant has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R.

1.114 in response to the Office Communication mailed March 31, 2004. The Communication indicated that Applicant's amendments to claim 1 that were filed on February 23, 2004 in response to the Final Office Action of October 23, 2003 requires further consideration and/or searching.